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BBMP has been floating tenders since October 2022 for operation/maintenance of multi-level parking at Freedom Park

NO PARKING

For 8th time civic body invites bidders

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It seems the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) traffic engineering cell is compelled to continue hunting for bidders to maintain and operate a multi-level parking facility at Freedom Park for the last 20 months.

The BBMP took up construction of the multi-level parking facility in 2017. It was slated to be completed by the end of 2018.

The BBMP has been issuing short term tender notifications since October 2022 for installation of smart solution, operation, and maintenance of the multi-level parking facility on a revenue sharing basis but no contractor evinced interest to participate in bidding.

The latest short-term tender notification was issued on October 16 inviting bidders for installation of smart solution, operation, and maintenance of the multi-level parking facility for a duration of 10 years. It is the eighth time the BBMP has invited the bidders for the maintenance of the multi-level parking facility.

> **"Multi-level parking facility was transferred to us two months ago**
> — Assistant engineer, traffic engineering cell, BBMP

The participating bidders have to pay earnest money deposit (EMD) of Rs 6.75 lakh; the last date for uploading queries is October 25. The last date for receiving tender forms is November 3.

It is said the construction of the multi-level parking facility was taken up by the BBMP projects department; it was transferred to BBMP traffic engineering cell two months ago.

"There was no response for the short term tender notifications floated by the BBMP projects department. The multi-level parking facility was transferred to us two months ago. Now, we have floated a tender inviting bidders. I expect some bidders to participate in the tender process," said an assistant engineer of the traffic engineering cell.

He said the multi-level parking facility has electric vehicle charging stations for the benefit of those who own electric vehicles.

There was a proposal to introduce electric buggies to ferry those using the multi-level parking facility to nearby shopping complexes on KG Road and other key roads.

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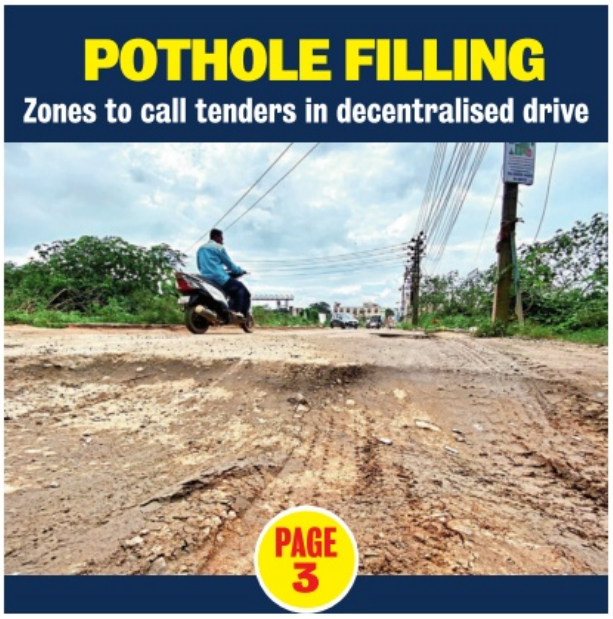


3 THINGS TO DO

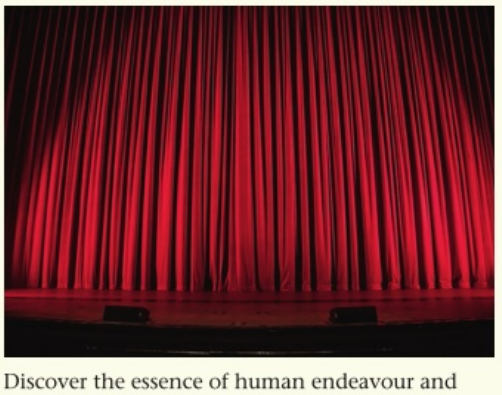
01 Artful day

Grab the chance to attend the Indian artefacts exhibition-cum-sale, where you can explore a variety of Indian traditional textures, rich art and crafts, and artefacts made by native artisans. The event aims to encourage rural artists. The variety of artefacts ranges from tribal to plains, from the Himalayas to coastal areas.
Where: Chitrakala Parishath;
When: until October 22

02 Dandiya dance

This Navratri, don't miss to groove on dandiya beats. Get your dandiya partners to the Navaratri Dandiya Festival, organised by Rotary Bugle Rock and Rotary District 3191 Shristi Centre. And guess what? The entry to this festival is free. You can also watch various dance forms being performed at the venue. **Where: Ravindra Kalakshetra**
When: Today; 5 pm to 10 pm

03 Epic tale



Discover the essence of human endeavour and conflicts in 'Parva', a captivating Mahabharata adaptation. Hosted by Rangayana, this theatrical masterpiece bridges the emotional and intellectual realms, challenging traditional narratives with a mesmerising 8-hour live performance in Kannada.
Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall
When: October 19 –22

Something's fishy here

Lake activists express disgust over massive fishkill at Varthur Lake; residents blame authorities for not strengthening diversion channel

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A week after the sewage diversion channel breach, scores of fish were found dead at Varthur Lake on Tuesday morning. Lake activists have expressed shock and disgust over the killing of fish in the water body and blame contamination of the water in the lake.

Varthur Lake is one of the two lakes under rejuvenation. The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) took up the rejuvenation of Bellandur Lake and Varthur Lake under the guidance of the National Green Tribunal (NGT). Residents of Varthur and lake activists blame the negligence of authorities concerned about strengthening the bund of the sewage diversion channel that was breached a week ago.

They said the BDA did not take measures to strengthen the diversion channel that was breached a year ago. Temporary measures to repair the sewage diversion channel were the main reason for the breach of the sewage diversion channel last week. A few of them blame the water mafia for the breach, as their objective is to contaminate water in Varthur Lake, which will lead to contamination of groundwater in residential areas around the lake.

"I am of the opinion that the greedy water mafia is responsible for the breach of the sewage diversion channel. The water mafia expects residents to buy water from them when water in the borewells gets contaminated due to contamination of water in the lake," opines Jagadish Reddy of Varthur Rising.

After the sewage diversion channel breach, scores of fish were found dead at Varthur Lake on Tuesday morning

It may be recalled that Professor TV Ramachandra questioned the existence of the sewage diversion channel that got breached last week. He described letting sewage into the channel as a contempt of the court order. He reminded the BDA and BWSSB authorities of their commitment to ensuring no sewage enters storm water drains. "Untreated sewage entered the lake when the sewage diversion channel was breached," he remarked.

Meanwhile, Nagesh Aras of Friends of Lakes said the disaster happened because the bypass channel that was carrying raw sewage was breached, but bypass channels are not meant to carry raw sewage. "So rather than asking how the breach occurred, we should ask why this bypass channel was set up in the first place. The incoming raw sewage must be intercepted even before it reaches a lake and taken to a public sewage treatment plant (STP). We need not wait till it arrives at the lake," said Aras.

Stating that Varthur Lake is the last lake in the K&C valley, Aras added that bypassing sewage around it only means sending untreated sewage to Tamil Nadu. "That is totally inexcusable! To sum up, the current disaster is caused by the wrong approach to handling sewage," he said.

Furthermore, Vinod Jacob of the Namma Bengaluru Foundation said the lakes in the city cry out for protection. "The blatant violation of the NGT orders and the non-execution of the orders passed against pollution of these lakes have resulted in these fish kills. The lake ecosystem is a very fragile and bio-diversified environmental zone that needs to be protected with more stringent punishments for violations. The BDA, BBMP, BWSSB, and KSPCB have to work together to get this resolved on the ground," he mentioned.

Elangovan Kulandaivelu, a resident, said the high-level monitoring committee that was supposed to be set up under the leadership of the Chief Secretary of the Government of Karnataka, as per the NGT order in the Bellandur/Varthur case, needs to be set up without any further delay.

> **"The incoming raw sewage must be intercepted even before it reaches a lake and taken to a public sewage treatment plant** – Nagesh Aras

"Members of the NGT-appointed monitoring committee, like Dr UV Singh and Dr TV Ramachandra, need to be roped in. BWSSB needs to be more proactive in addressing potential output quality issues in its STPs. BWSSB needs to ensure all raw sewage is treated effectively," he said. The minor irrigation department needs to deliver on its promises to NGT and comply with the NGT order, he added.

One more tissue paper: 'Not reasonable'

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You may not be able to use napkins as per your wish in hotels, as restaurateurs are now making napkins available 'on demand.' The Bruhat Bengaluru Hotels Association wrote to all hotel owners on Monday, asking them to cut down on napkin wastage. The letter stated that there has been 'misuse' of napkins post-covid. In fact, hotels across the city are using 10 tons of napkins a day. This means many precious trees are being cut down to make napkins.

The letter also highlighted that hoteliers need to step up their fight against food wastage. For this, hoteliers will collaborate with industry leaders and customers. Association president PC Rao said, "If we look at global statistics, around one-third of daily food production goes to waste, with one in seven people still lacking access to adequate sustenance. Hence, we have taken up the mission to cut down on wastage. A lot of food is getting wasted, including 20% of oilseeds, 20% of meat and dairy, and 40% to 50% of fruits and vegetables."

Rao asked consumers to order only what they are capable of eating. "We are observing an unfortunate rise in food wastage. Approximately 30% of items are wasted. Our goal is to tackle waste from the entire food supply chain, from farm to fork. This initiative aims to engage hoteliers, owners, employees, and consumers in curbing wasteful practices. It's not just about food; we're also addressing water, electricity, and napkin wastage. We aim to emphasise responsible napkin usage," he explained.

The association's secretary, Veerendra N Kamat, said that a lot of food is being wasted on catering and weddings. "Food wastage is an issue we cannot overlook, especially during events like weddings and functions. There are instances where an excess of dishes is served, resulting in significant waste. Our objective is to educate both

customers and employees about the critical need to reduce food wastage," he said. The association is now posting informative posters to promote the value of food and the necessity of waste reduction. "Encouraging patrons to bring their own towels and use fewer tissues will help the environment. We have also taken the suggestions of Food and Civil Supplies Minister KH Muniyappa, who suggested to address food wastage," added Kamat.

Zoned out: Pothole-filling has just got hyper-local

While BBMP's decentralisation effort in letting roads to be handled at zonal level is lauded, citizens want ward committees to function

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Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is planning to take up pothole filling on a war footing on both arterial and major roads, as well as ward roads. On Tuesday, different BBMP divisions called a tender for pothole filing amounting to at least Rs 9.15 crore.

This comes after several pleas from the distraught citizens who are hard-pressed to find a single pothole-free road in the city.

The Palike has already started filling potholes under major and arterial roads and ward roads will also be repaired.

In its larger step towards decentralisation, BBMP ward roads are being handled at a zonal level. Individual divisions within different zones called for a tender for pothole filing in different parts of Bengaluru. The tender was called from the Jayanagar, Mahalakshmipuram, Kengeri, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Sarvajnanagara, Basavanagudi, Hebbal, and Govindarajanagar divisions. Tenders totalling at least Rs 9.15 crore were called for pothole filling within ward roads and the work is expected to start by November.

"Citizens need not worry about potholes. BBMP is well-equipped and is taking action to fill the potholes. Tenders for the ward roads have been called by the Chief Engineers of each zone. Work is expected to start from November," said a senior BBMP official.

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BBMP has 1,344 km of major roads in the city. In the South zone alone, there are 10,700 ward roads.

Upkeep of major roads under RI Dasarahalli and RI East by filling potholes using cold mix asphalt was undertaken on Tuesday.

Make ward committees active

However, activists say that while Palike's efforts to decentralise the pothole-filing process are commendable, it must be done at the ward level through ward committees.

"The decentralisation of urban local bodies (ULBs) should happen at the ward committee level. It's a clear violation of court orders.

Ward committees are allocated Rs 2-3 lakh forward funds and a report is supposed to be submitted to the Chief Commissioner. There should be transparency in budget expenditure. Zonal-level chief commissioners would undertake such repair work annually.

The fund should go to the grassroots level and it will lead to better spending and prioritisation. Without ward committees, the corruption from the top tier of BBMP will now shift to zonal offices," said Sandeep Anirudhan, a civic activist.

He added that the city needs a proper master plan and RMP 2015 which is riddled with errors must be scrapped immediately.

Tickets for first Cricket World Cup game gone in a jiffy

Brisk sale of tickets at the counter following Karnataka State Cricket Association's (KSCA) decision to sell tickets from the KSCA quota has confirmed that the buzz generated for the first World Cup game in the Garden city featuring the two big sides, Pakistan and Australia, is big.

The rest of the tickets have already been booked out from ICC ticketing partner for the event BookMyShow. Managing committee member MS Keshava disclosed that the sale of tickets was satisfactory and counter sales will continue until the ticket stock lasts. "The seating capacity is 33,000 and hopefully it will be full," said Keshava pointing out that a sizable number of cricket fans are lining up for the big game on Friday.

Cricket fans queue up outside Chinnaswamy Stadium to get tickets for the big World Cup match coming up

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Sewage SOS: Hosapalya's overflow predicament

Broken manhole, overflowing sewage haunt citizens, pose threat to water body

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The overflowing manhole in Hosapalya threatens Somasundarapalya Lake, locals suspect BBMP's storm-water drain construction damaged BWSSB's UGD pipe nearby

The overflowing manhole at a nursery in Hosapalya has become an eyesore and a health hazard, and it is set to pollute the nearby Somasundarapalya Lake. Residents in this area believe that the underground drainage pipe (UGD) laid by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) alongside the Hosapalya nursery was damaged during the construction of the stormwater drain by the BBMP, leading to a cascading effect on the stormwater drain.

The residents blame the concerned authorities for not fixing the problem despite numerous complaints lodged by them in the last two months. "The adverse implications of this problem were immediate and disturbing, manifesting as blocked sewage lines and hazardous open sewage. Eventually, the manhole is overflowing, compounding the problem. I want the authorities concerned to fix this problem as early as possible," said Venkatesh HS, a resident. The residents state that the consequence of the damage to the UGD is dire. They mention that a massive accumulation of sewage, reaching depths of nearly 15 feet and spanning 100 feet in width, has resulted in significant overflow into the stormwater drain and its adjacent areas. This accumulation of sewage is likely to contaminate the groundwater.

Surender Reddy, a resident and member of Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP), said that his complaints have fallen on deaf ears. "The most disheartening aspect of this situation is the lack of response from the authorities. Despite the persistence of these issues for more than two months, no concrete action has been taken to rectify the damage or to address the sewage overflow. The area has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes and is stinking," he said.

Expressing concern and worry over the fate of the nearby water body, Vijay Kumar, a member of the Community Task Force, has said that the sewage overflowing into the stormwater drain will lead to environmental, health, and infrastructure-related problems. "It is important to ensure that no sewage enters the stormwater drain. The depth of sewage accumulation is so huge, and it will be difficult to rescue if anyone falls into it," said Vijay Kumar. BBMP Horticulture Department Joint Director said he would direct the Bommanahalli Horticulture Department Superintendent to lodge a complaint with the BWSSB authorities against overflowing sewage into the nursery.

> **"It is important to ensure that no sewage enters the stormwater drain. It will be difficult to rescue if anyone falls into it**
> – Vijay Kumar, Community Task Force

The residents and environmentalists demand that the authorities take measures to prevent sewage from entering Somasundarapalya Lake. They demand the BBMP Storm Water Drain (SWD) to take preventive measures immediately.

Meanwhile, the BBMP SWD assistant engineer has said he has already complained to the BWSSB authorities about sewage overflowing into the stormwater drain. When informed, the BWSSB assistant engineer said the UGD pipeline was damaged due to heavy vehicles' movement during the stormwater drain construction.

Metro stations to roll out cycle docking

Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) is planning bicycle docking points at 10 metro stations in the city

The Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) is planning bicycle docking points at 10 metro stations in the city. The stations have been identified as Baiyappanahalli, Mahakavi Kuvempu Road, Rajajinagar, Mahalakshmi, Peenya, Nagasandra, Jayanagar, Yelachenahalli, Konankunte Cross and Swami Vivekananda Road. The city's cyclists have lauded the move as designated cycle parking spaces at metro stations have been a long-standing demand.

The docking point at Baiyappanhalli metro station has already been installed and is awaiting a shelter to be constructed above. "This is super work by the BMRCL and DULT. Looking forward to the other nine also. Please inform the cycling community once it is done so we can popularise it. Brand Bengaluru is a cycling-friendly Bengaluru," said Bicycle Mayor Sathya Sankaran on Twitter (now X).

According to data collected on AltMo, a climate action platform quantifying the impact of climate-positive sustainable transport choices, out of 63 metro stations in the city, only 36 have parking spaces. Most of these do not have parking spaces designated for cycles, and it is unclear if cyclists are mandated to pay a fee for parking. Nihar Thakkar, another cyclist from the city, said that it is important to have safe bicycle parking at every station as it will encourage usage of cycles for first and last-mile links. He further said parking spaces must also be created for other vehicles wherever possible as the current connectivity for first and last mile through buses and cycle lanes is very limited.

With this move, the demand for allowing normal cycles has once again begun from commuters hoping to use cycles for first and last-mile connectivity. Currently, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) allows only foldable cycles onto metro coaches. However, the BMRCL may not consider the idea anytime soon as passengers have begun to complain about crowding in coaches since the operation of the entire Purple Line started recently. **— BMB**

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Crumbling roads

Peenya

Peenya has been grappling with road neglect for over a year, beginning from the APMC yard and stretching across the entire region. Urgent attention is required.

Pathway neglect

Shantalanagar

In Shantalanagar, the broken footpath near Hyderabad Biryani, Ward number 111, poses a significant challenge for pedestrians. Despite numerous complaints to BBMP officials, no action has been taken.

Uncovering chaos

Kavalbyrasandra

Kavalbyrasandra has its own set of issues, with BWSSB digging up the area only to discover sewage leakage underground. The absence of an end cap on the Kaveri water line resulted in a mix-up at 3rd Cross Muninanjappa Garden, Kavalbyrasandra, RT Nagar.

Playful learning: Discovering through fun

Educationists stress on crucial aspect of early childhood development; say it provides foundation for more complex cognitive processes later in life

Education starts at home. The personal beliefs of parents have an impact on how, what, and where their children learn. The parents, the child, and the school must have a three-way handshake for the meaningful all-round growth of the child; these are interdependent. Early childhood is considered the most formative period in a person's life, generally from birth to age 6. Traditionally, the focus has been on teaching the ABCs—foundational literacy and numeracy skills. While these aspects are undeniably important, there's a growing awareness that early childhood education should offer a broader and more comprehensive experience—one that emphasises values such as sensitivity, respect, integrity, and pride in one's own heritage. It's time to shift our focus from mere alphabets to ensuring holistic growth in our children.

Venkat Ajitesh Reddy Basani, an educationist, said, "The first six years of a child are when brain development is mainly through sensory experiences. Children learn through their senses: sight, sound, taste, touch, and smell. It is a crucial aspect of early childhood development, providing a foundation for more complex cognitive processes later in life. When it comes to early childhood education, developing motor skills helps in coordination and refine movements that will help them in tasks such as tying a knot, writing, or catching a ball."

Sensory experiences help children control their emotions. Sharing these experiences with other children encourages social skills like communication, sharing, and compassion, he remarked.

Sreedevi MN, a parent, said, "Parents are considered the first Guru. Hence, parents play a pivotal role in moulding the early education days of a child."

Meanwhile, Basani added, "More importantly, the ability for parents to say 'no' to a child is important. All-round growth happens when you teach children the importance of failure early on. The negative stigma around the word 'failure' should be removed, and acknowledging the child's effort in trying, learning, and growing becomes critical to how well they adapt to the changing world. Not everything in learning needs to be formal and structured."

Unstructured learning has a plethora of benefits. Discovery-based learning encourages imaginative thinking and boosts creativity. Having different sensory experiences will improve a child's information retention; in other words, the child will have a better memory. For instance, at The Shri Ram Universal School, a new and upcoming 4.5-acre K–12 school in Bengaluru, there is an emphasis on BaLA (building as a learning aid), where children explore their surroundings and find interactive methods of learning that are essentially rooted in the concept of play.

This benefits the child in various domains, including spatial understanding, intellectual growth, artistic expression, comprehension of mathematics, ecological consciousness, and cultural sensitivity.

"I'd like to leave you with a gentle reminder: remember that competition is good, but the most comprehensive personal growth occurs when children are taught to focus on themselves. There is a beautiful metaphorical expression that is apt for all of us: 'A flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it. It just blooms.' This idea underscores the importance of self-discovery and self-fulfilment as a primary focus," he mentioned. **BMB**

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BU confers honorary doctorate to Deve Gowda

Former PM HD Deve Gowda receiving the honorary doctorate at BU Convocation

Former PM HD Deve Gowda and ISRO Chairman S Somanath were conferred with an honorary doctorate by Bangalore University during the 58th annual convocation on Wednesday.

Upon receiving the doctorate, Gowda stressed the importance of moral education for school and college students, stating, "Education will be just a piece of paper without culture. Providing quality education, along with moral education, to students is important."

Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot highlighted that the state of Karnataka leads the country in education, information, and technology. He praised Bangalore University as a home to world-class research centres and educational institutions, embodying modernity, history, culture, and the civilization of India.

The university, living up to its motto 'Jnana Vigyan Sahityaam,' has made unique and significant contributions in higher education across various disciplines. It holds the prestigious A++ grade awarded by NAAC in 2023, a great achievement for the institution. **–BMB**

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Navarang with Bangalore Mirror

Bengaluru was dressed up red as the Navarang theme for Tuesday was Red. Women and children were dressed up in red and taking selfies and group photos to send it to Bangalore Mirror. For the last three days, Navarang is becoming and bigger with responses growing up for BM initiative. So, with six more days left for the festival, it is time to dress up as per the theme and send in your photos and the best photos of the day will be featured in BM.

Today's colour: Blue

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BWSSB employees, Poornima with staff

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Manjula and friends Maradi Naada, Hanumantnagar

MACCI, Jindal Nagar

Seema and Freinds, Sai Mahima Residency, RR Nagar

Teachers of Genius Global School

Nalina with her kitty friends from ITI Layout, Nagarabhavi

SGVS School, Basaveshwara Nagar

Pushpavalli and friends

Plan easy, build happy

Citizens urge BBMP to eliminate plan sanctions, promoting hassle-free construction on 4,000 sq ft plots

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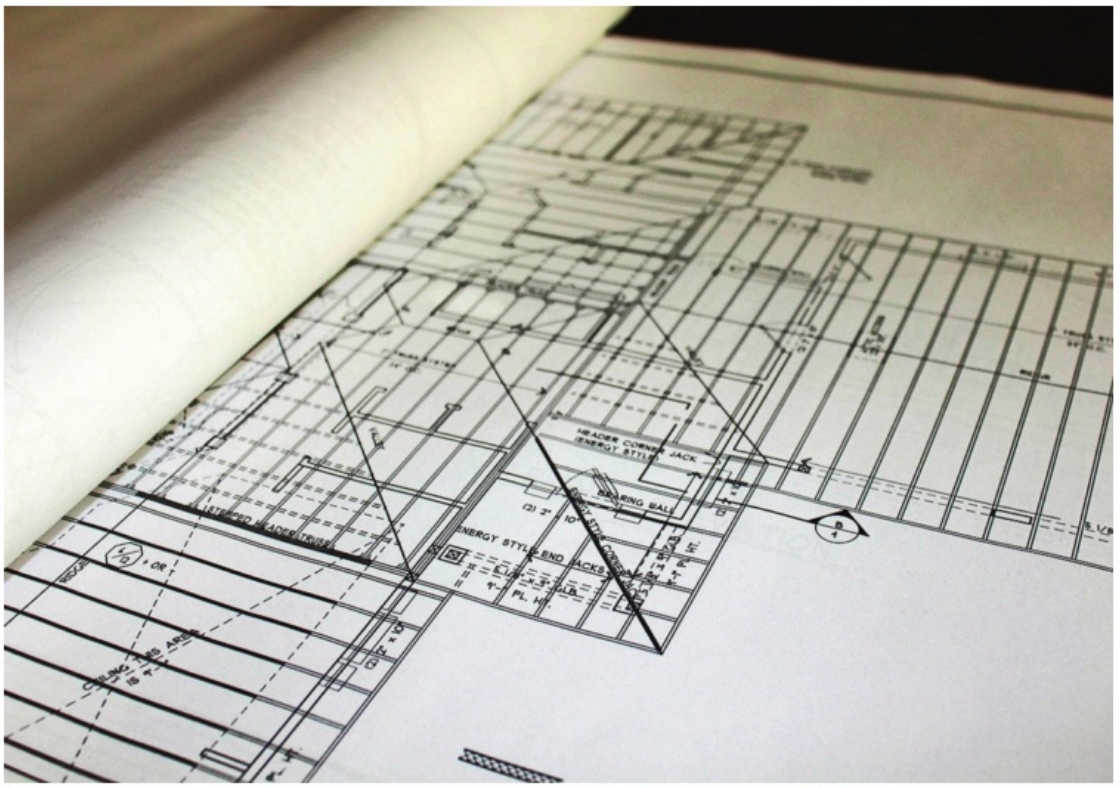

Bengaluru residents are urging the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to eliminate plan sanctions for buildings constructed on plots measuring up to 4,000 square feet. Most houses in the city are built on plots measuring 1,200 or 2,400 square feet. If the State government approves this plan, it could bring significant relief to the lakhs of people planning to construct homes, eliminating the need to visit BBMP offices for plan approval. The current plan approval process has been criticised for providing ample room for corruption.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar recently announced the automation of plan sanctions for properties built on 50*80 sites. According to DKS, individuals should not have to visit the BBMP office to plan action. "We are looking at a licensed architect who can license it, and BBMP and residents need not visit offices. An automated plan approval system will soon be introduced. If an architect is doing it, he will do it properly, including providing setback areas and water harvesting," he stated.

Officials said that currently, building plans are mandatory for homes, and fees must be paid according to BBMP rules. Many times, the plan approval process itself takes a couple of months. Sources reveal that BBMP is planning to propose exempting plan approval for buildings up to four floors in the area measuring up to 4,000 square feet. The new plan would require uploading the plan on the BBMP website and paying the requisite fee. During construction, officials will visit the site and verify, but this would apply only to residential sites and not commercial buildings. Currently, houses built on plots measuring 600 square feet are exempt from seeking plan approvals.

Welcoming the decision, an architect said, "It's a good decision. The new rule will benefit the common man. Currently, one must visit the BBMP office several times to get their plan approved and meet several officials. It takes at least a fortnight to get the plan approved. The online system will be helpful to both the people and BBMP, as it will control misuse of the law by both parties." However, BBMP officials express caution about the new move. An official said, "We fear it could lead to more violations. So before we adopt it, we need to take a proper look at it and be cautious. We are already facing several violations."

However, some Bengalureans are sceptical if BBMP will implement the same. "Earlier BBMP had proposed to do away with the requirement of pre-plan approval for houses built on 30*40 plots, which was never implemented," says Prasad D, a senior citizen. Previously, the State Government approved a proposal from the BBMP to exempt pre-approval for building plans (only for G+2 houses constructed on land measuring less than 2,400 square feet). However, it was never fully implemented.

Those planning to build houses must obtain pre-plan approval from the BBMP. The plan, prepared by an architect, has to be submitted to BBMP's zonal offices. After submission, BBMP officials conduct a site inspection and provide approval, allowing construction to begin. However, the current system has numerous loopholes and allegations of significant bribery in the building plan approval process. The earlier plan suggested that the plan, created and approved by an architect, should be uploaded on the BBMP website. BBMP officials would review the plan online and give it a go-ahead. The homeowner need not wait for inspection and can begin construction. However, if any violation or deviation is found later, the BBMP will penalise the homeowner.

> **"It's a good decision. Currently, one must visit the BBMP office several times to get their plan approved and meet several officials** – an architect

B'luru airport ranked as world's most punctual

Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport has been ranked as the world's most punctual airport for the past three months in a row, according to the on-time performance report by aviation analytics firm Cirium.

The other airports in the top five list are Salt Lake City International Airport in Utah (US) in the second position, Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad in the third spot, Minneapolis-St Paul International Airport in fourth, and El Dorado International Airport in fifth place.

The Cirium report ranks the punctuality of airports worldwide based on the percentage of flights that departed within 15 minutes of the scheduled time.

"The Kempegowda International Airport maintained an impressive on-time departure experience for passengers, with 87.51 per cent punctuality in July, 89.66 per cent in August, and 88.51 per cent in September," Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) said in a statement on Tuesday.

Detailed list of rankings: 1. Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru, India 2. Salt Lake City International Airport, Utah, the US 3. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad, India 4. Minneapolis-St Paul International Airport, Minnesota, the US 5. El Dorado International Airport, Bogota, Colombia 6. Oslo Airport Gardermoen, Norway 7. Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, the US 8. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the US 9. Hamad International Airport, Doha, Qatar 10.Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, the US. — IANS

CRIME FILES

Crime of passion: 3 held

The city police have detained a woman, her lover, and his close friend in connection with the murder of her mother-in-law. The incident took place on October 5 when the accused, Rashmi, strangled her mother-in-law to death. She committed the act with the assistance of her boyfriend, Akshay, and his friend, Purushottam. The incident came to light when Raghavendra, Akshay's flatmate, discovered communications between Rashmi and Akshay.

Rashmi, who was married to Manjunath, allegedly had a romantic relationship with Akshay, who was residing in the same first-floor building as Rashmi. According to the FIR, Rashmi and her mother-in-law, Lakshmamma, frequently quarrelled over money. Rashmi is accused of adding poison tablets to her mother-in-law's dinner. After Lakshmamma passed out, she called upon Akshay and his friend to strangle her.

Rashmi deceived Manjunath into thinking Lakshmamma had a heart attack. Raghavendra later informed Manjunath about the affair, revealing their chats and murder plot. Rashmi, Akshay, and Purushottam have all been detained by the Byadarahalli police. — BMB

Police pursue young shoplifters' gang

Over the last 15 days, multiple shop thefts have been reported along Airport Road, mainly targeting shops situated in isolated areas. On the evening of October 14, someone broke into a store on Airport Road and took cash and other items amounting to Rs 50,000. The incident, captured on CCTV, happened at around 10.15 pm.

Authorities have identified that the culprits behind these robberies are young individuals residing within the jurisdiction of Chikkajala and Yelahanka police stations. In response to the recent surge in thefts in the neighbourhood, two First Information Reports (FIRs) have been lodged within the last 45 days.

Deputy Commissioner of Police for the North East division, Lakshmi Prasad, said, "The neighbourhood is patrolled at night. Teenagers accused of committing these robberies are mostly first-time offenders. Appropriate legal actions are being pursued against them." — BMB

Roadside clash: Auto driver halts bike taxi

A bike taxi driver allegedly faced harassment from an auto driver on Tuesday. Anjali Kwatra, the woman involved, recounted her ordeal on X, disclosing how the auto driver forcibly halted her bike taxi and seized the keys. Anjali had originally booked an Uber bike from her office to the metro station. While waiting at a traffic signal, an unidentified person approached and snatched the bike's keys.

Perplexed and seeking an explanation for this unusual act, Anjali questioned the person responsible. He informed her that bike taxis were not permitted in the city, justifying his actions in taking the keys.

"Stranded, confused and frustrated, I stand by the Uber rider and call the police," she said. Subsequently, it was discovered that the individual causing the disturbance was an auto driver who had been harassing the bike taxi drivers. Anjali chose not to leave the scene and waited for the police to arrive.Upon their arrival, the police reprimanded the auto driver for his disruptive behaviour. — BMB

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I, SHINY SATHIADHAS MAGESH VALSALA KUMAR., R/at No.15, 10th Cross, 1st Main, Ashirwad Colony , Horamavu, Bengaluru- 560043, have changed my name to SHINY MAGESH vide affidavit dated: 11/10/2023 Before Notary K.V.Mani Bangalore.

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Same-sex couples' rights

Joint adoption remains a distant dream

SC bench refuses to grant legal recognition to marriages, denies adoption rights

The couple, both men who have been together for 15 years, sat in Bengaluru watching with bated breath as the Supreme Court in far away Delhi read out the judgment on same-sex marriages that would decide their future as a family unit with their two children.

But the legitimacy Rishi* and Aryan* (names changed) were looking for was not to be. A five-judge Constitution bench of the apex court refused to grant legal recognition to same-sex marriages. The bench also differed on applicability of adoption rules for queer couples while denying adoption rights to LGBTQIA+ couples.

"The court's refusal to recognise our partnership has left an indelible scar, affecting our daily existence. It's incredibly painful," Aryan* told PTI over the phone.

Both Rishi* and Aryan* adopted a son each as a single parent, one in 2016 and the other in 2022. "Our children know that we love each other deeply, but they're constantly reminded that our love isn't considered 'real' by the law. The emotional burden is unbearable and we see its effects on our kids every day," Aryan* said.

Rishi* echoed his anguish.

"Our children deserve to grow up in a home with legally recognised parents. The fact that we can't adopt as a couple or even get married sends them the message that our family is different, and that's a heavy burden for children to bear."

The decision sent ripples of despair through much of the LGBTQIA+ community, which has waited years for same-sex marriages to be recognised.

The poignant story of Rishi* and Aryan* is emblematic of the ongoing battle for equality and the profound personal and emotional toll it has on LGBTQIA+ individuals.

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This legal denial has far-reaching consequences for Rishi, Aryan, and families like theirs, as the inability to adopt as a couple places additional hurdles in the path to securing their family's rights.

Many couples face the same predicament. The lead petitioner in the case, Amburi Roy, had to move to Denmark to be legally married to her partner Aparna Saha in 2021. However, they are yet to jointly adopt a child.

"If we did adopt a child, we would both be mothers at home, but one of us would have to be called 'Aunty' in public because we were not out yet. We learned that we could adopt as single parents but not together, which prevents us from fulfilling our dream of becoming parents and raising a child with all the love in our hearts," Berlin-based Amburi said.

In Gurugram, Rahul* and Amit* (names changed), who have been together for eight years and are raising a child, find themselves navigating a complex legal landscape, unable to provide their child the legal security that opposite-sex couples can.

According to Adoption Regulations 2017, single parents can adopt a child. The regulation further states that single women can adopt a child of any gender, while single men cannot adopt a girl child.

"It's painful to imagine our child growing up in a world where our love isn't fully recognised," said Rahul*.

"We want our child to know that their family is just as valid as any other, but the lack of legal recognition can erode their sense of belonging," he said.

Gender rights advocate Sandhya Honawar said news of the verdict was "heartbreaking".

"We had pinned high hopes on the law allowing LGBTQ people to marry and adopt. It seems like we cannot see any more dreams now. This is truly a huge setback. Along with legal recognition of marriage, rights related to succession and adoption of children are yet to find answers," Honawar said.

Bharati Ali from NGO Haq: Centre for Child Rights argued that marital status or gender identity of a parent should not be an issue if he or she provides the child with love, care and nurturing. "What if a single person adopts a child and subsequently enters into a non-heterosexual relationship with someone? Will the adoption be invalidated? Can the adoption be revoked?" Ali asked.

However, some like Shubhankar Chakravorty, a gay man and Bengaluru-based consultant, saw the verdict as a "positive development" that will "bring LGBT+ lives and relationships to the mainstream".

*(*Names are changed to protect identity).* **PTI**

Activists, petitioners call for legislative action

Not all gloom and doom as citizens try to look at positives in judgement

With the Supreme Court declining to accord legal recognition to same-sex marriage on Tuesday, a section of the LGBTQ+ community, petitioners and activists highlighted the positives in the ruling and called for legislative action while others expressed dismay and concern.

A five-judge constitution bench of the Supreme Court recognised equal rights for queer people and their protection, while calling for sensitisation of the general public so they don't face discrimination.

Pranab, one of the petitioners in the case, highlighted the positives in the Supreme Court's decision. "They have not recognised (same-sex marriage)...but they have given us certain rights, and I am trying to focus on the positive side of that. They have said my partner can also claim the body after I am gone. I can also go to police. There are safety opportunities, healthcare opportunities for me," Pranab said.

Sharif Rangnekar, another petitioner, expressed concerns over the lack of concrete timelines for implementing the changes. "We have heard beautiful things said by the judges. But we don't have a concrete timeline on when these will be implemented. They did not clarify that," he said.

Dr. Maeeli, an LGBTQ+ activist, expressed sadness over the lack of legal recognition for same-sex marriages and called for legislative action in the matter.

Padmashali, another activist, commended the Supreme Court's verdict for breaking down stereotypical thinking. "It has spoken with pride using terminologies of sex, gender, sexuality, talking about the acceptance of terminologies of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender people. Arvind Narrain of the People's Union For Civil Liberties (PUCL) welcomed the judgment and emphasized the need to take this matter to Parliament.

"This is a political movement we need to respond to," he stated.

Poonam Muttreja, executive director of the Population Foundation of India, highlighted the disparities in the ruling and the need for more inclusive legal recognition.

—PTI

IN BRIEF

Right to marry for transgenders recognised

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said that a marriage entered into by a transgender person is in the nature of a heterosexual relationship and must be recognised by the law.

"Since a transgender person can be in a heterosexual relationship like a cis-male or cis-female, a union between a transwoman and a transman, or a transwoman and a cisman, or a transman and a ciswoman can be registered under Marriage laws," said a constitution Bench headed by CJI D.Y. Chandrachud.

It said that a transgender man has the right to marry a cisgender woman under the laws governing marriage in the country, including personal laws.

"Similarly, a transgender woman has the right to marry a cisgender man. A transgender man and a transgender woman can also marry," it added.

The Supreme Court said that intersex persons who identify as a man or a woman and seek to enter into a heterosexual marriage would also have a right to marry.

During the hearing, the Centre government asserted that marriage must only be between 'biological' men and 'biological' women. However, the written submissions of the Attorney General, the highest officer of the Centre, stated that: "The issues relating to transgender persons arising out of The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 stand on a different footing and can be addressed without reference to the Special Marriage Act."

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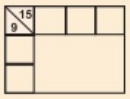
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

$\sqrt{(0.0196 / a)} = 0.2$

$a = ?$

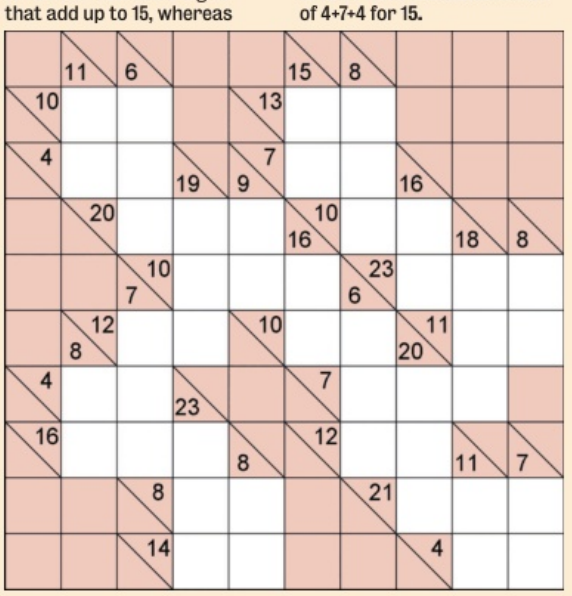
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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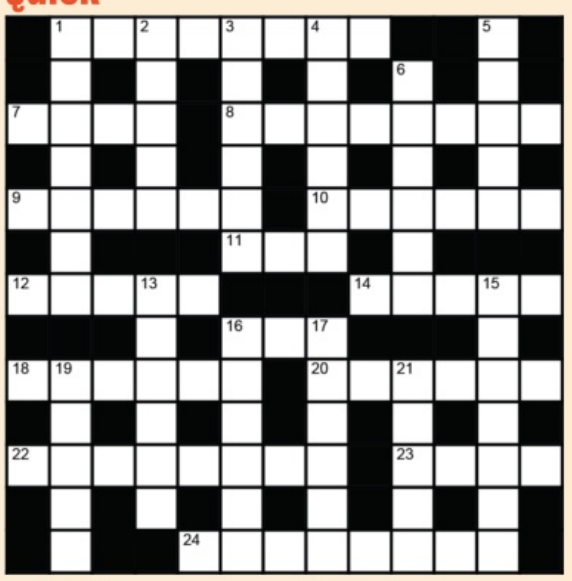

ACROSS

1 Whacking or hitting hard (8)
7 Himalayan myth (4)
8 Rival (8)
9 Makes sense (4,2)
10 Pillaged (6)
11 Total (3)
12 Powdered tobacco (5)
14 Ruin (5)
16 Cushion (3)
18 Italy's football league (5,1)
20 Elaborately adorned (6)
22 A shrew (8)
23 Peruse (4)
24 Unexpected good fortune (8)

DOWN

1 Big Bang Theory's ____ Cooper (7)
2 Leaves out (5)
3 Categories (6)
4 A highly incendiary jellylike substance used in fire bombs, flamethrowers, etc. (6)
5 Tightly packed (5)
6 Within a building (6)
13 Members of a monastic order? (6)
15 Jeer or boo (7)
16 Curry containing pork (6)
17 Put on clothing, hat, etc. (6)
19 Make into law (5)
21 Bellini opera–"Roman" anagram (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: I EQUALS T

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Linemaro

I don't speak much English, but with you all I need to say is beautiful

Mindchow

To begin, begin

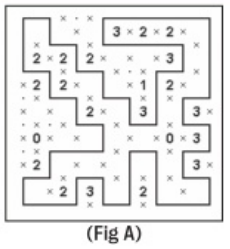
Joke of the day

The Miss Universe pageant is fixed. All the winners are from earth

Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



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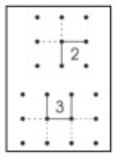
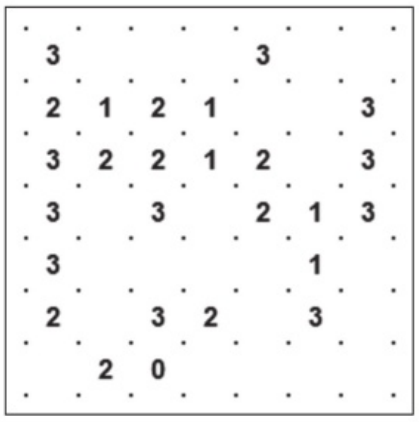


(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



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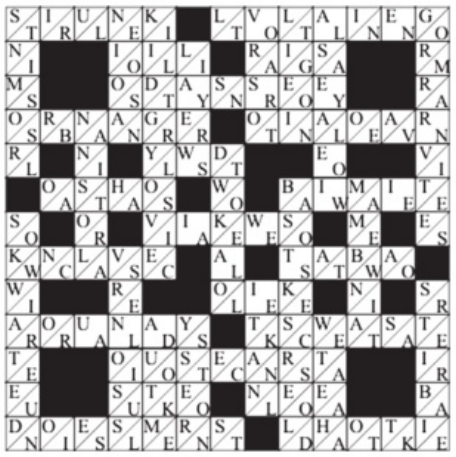
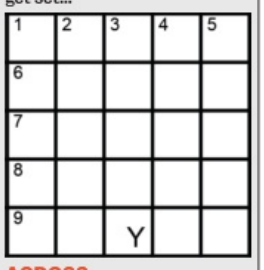


This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

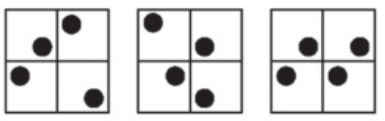
1 CU Mrs; 6 As Lao; 7 Ural I; 8 Nag ma; 9 Reply

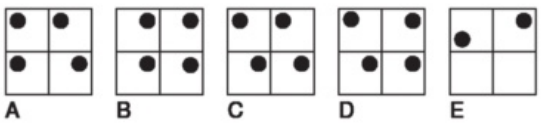
DOWN

1 Lumps; 2 Lorca; 3 Nary I; 4 Age us; 5 Alarm

Mensapuzzle

What comes next in the sequence on the right?





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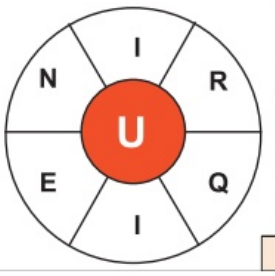

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 06 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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	5		6		8		9	
	4	2	7		1	8	3	
4			8	6	3			7
8			1	7	5			9
	8	5	2		7	6	4	
	3		4		9		1	
				8				

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 12

3 5 5 9

Medium = 2

5 5 5 7

Hard = 30

2 3 6 2

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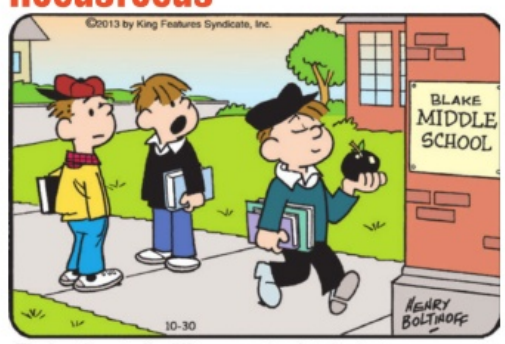


Find at least six differences in details between panels

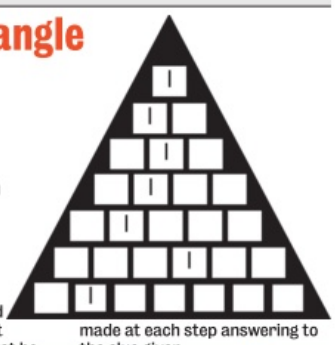
Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Book is different. 3. Boy is moved. 4. Bricks are moved. 5. Window is smaller. 6. Line in sidewalk is moved

Riddler

Which of these boxers is the odd one out: Jack Dempsey, James Braddock, Jake LaMotta, Muhammad Ali?

Alpha triangle

1 Third vowel
2 Not out
3 White metal
4 Antler part
5 Direct link (3-2)
6 Goad
7 Caused by motion



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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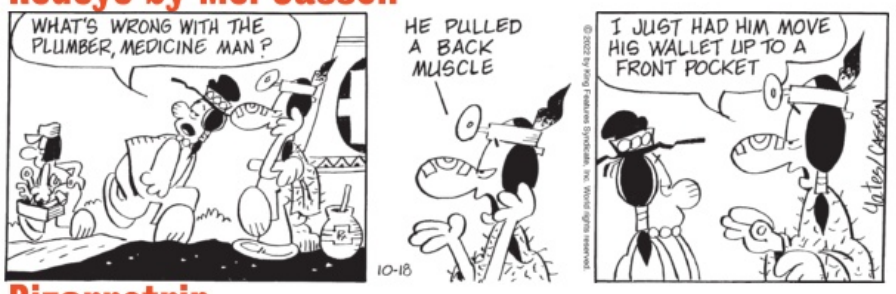

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

HOW ABOUT IF I HELP OUT HERE SINCE YOUR ELF SEEMS PREOCCUPIED.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TALK WITH SANTA?
WHO ARE YOU?
I'M MRS. CLAUS.
EATTUK & AYERS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You will plan to invest more capital into the family business, which may increase your family business in the near future. You may expect to get some rewards on behalf of your social services. You may expect to hear some good news in your family, which may create a joyful environment in the family. You may also enjoy some delicious food.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may feel happy, and your health is also good, which may give you inner strength and self-confidence. Your subconscious mind may not allow you to manipulate the messy task. Your social prestige may likely increase. With the help of your good karma, destiny may help you start some innovative tasks.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may be unhappy and disappointed. You are advised to control your arrogance; otherwise, you may face some losses due to your harsh speaking while talking with anyone. You are advised to avoid long trips and rush driving. You should keep yourself away from bay areas or oceans.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, there may be peace of mind. Your earnings may boost your financial health. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in family life. Singles may likely find a suitable match. You may expect to get ample opportunities at work; you may notice some progress in your life.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be able to implement your plans with the help of your strong network at work. You may likely get a big order with the help of your hard work. There may be a good understanding between you and your spouse, which may increase harmony in your domestic life. Your boss may appreciate your hard work.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon. Last day's messy situation is under control. You may initiate your postponed work. With the blessing, you may get a reward for your hard work. There are some gains in your business which may boost your financial health. You may expect some unexpected opportunities, which may increase your business or work. You may also plan for an overseas trip.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may not feel well; you might have health issues. That may affect your profession and domestic life. You may likely be upset due to your spouse's health issues. Your patience may be tested many times. You are advised not to make investments in new business projects; otherwise, you may face losses. Students are advised to avoid fantasy and work hard in their studies.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon, and you may be able to make quick decisions on the professional front. You may expect to get new opportunities in terms of business, which may boost your confidence level. You are likely to start some new innovations with the help of your business partner, which may increase your business in the near future.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are blessed by a positive moon. You may feel healthy; chronic health issues may be cured now. Kid's health may be okay now. The money that was stuck somewhere may likely be recovered now. You may also repay your debt.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may give you peace of mind. You may become decisive, so you may grab the opportunity without a second thought. Past karma may help you to sustain in any situation and show you the right path. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments. Job aspirants may likely get a suitable job with the help of friends.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be dull. Detachment from responsibilities may make you upset. You may not be able to fulfill your commitments, which may affect your prestige. You may be a victim of arrogance; it may affect both your professional and domestic life. You may internally feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be enthusiastic. Your focus towards your goals may be very good. You may easily achieve your target. You are likely to go for short work-related trips, which may give you benefits in the near future. Your subordinate staff may help you to complete the important project. Disputes with siblings may be raised.

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SOLVE IN 1M
0.0196/a = 0.04
196/10000=4/100 a
a= 196/4*100 = 0.49

BULL'S EYE
INQUIRE, inure, quire, ruin, rune, urine

QUOTE UNCODE
The difficulty with marriage is that we fall in love with a personality, but must live with a character.

RIDDLER
Jack Dempsey, the only boxer in the list not to have a film made about him.

FAST FIVE

S	C	R	U	M
L	O	A	S	A
U	R	I	A	L
M	A	N	G	A
P	L	Y	E	R

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
D: looking across, the dot in the top left-hand quarter moves to the opposite corner, the dot in the top right hand quarter moves one corner anti-clockwise at each stage, the dot in the bottom left-hand quarter moves between the top two corners, and the dot in the bottom right-hand corner moves one corner clockwise at each stage

SUDOKU

3	9	8	5	2	4	1	7	6
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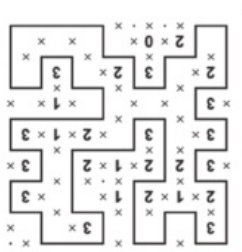
5	6	7	9	4	2	3	8	1
8	2	3	1	7	5	4	6	9
9	8	5	2	1	7	6	4	3
2	3	6	4	5	9	7	1	8
1	7	4	3	8	6	9	5	2

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 + 5 + 3 − 5 = 12
Medium
5 / 5 x 7 − 5 = 2
Hard
2 x 6 + 3 x 2 = 30

ALPHA TRIANGLE
I, In, Tin, Tine, Tie-in, Incite, Kinetic.

LOOP



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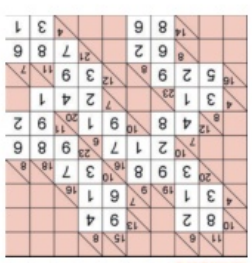

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 # Kirti, Jim in international project
Actors Kirti Kulhari and Jim Sarbh will be seen sharing screen space in an international project titled 'Sach is Life'

BE STYLISH, REPEAT

Alia's strong fashion statement at National Film Awards

Who says one can't repeat their wedding day outfits? Actress Alia Bhatt on Tuesday won everyone's hearts with her sartorial choice at the 69th National Film Award as she marked her presence in the same saree that she wore during her wedding ceremony with Ranbir Kapoor.

Alia rewore the ivory embroidered drape designed by Sabyasachi Mukherjee for the award ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan today. She was accompanied by her hubby Ranbir. She styled the saree in a different manner this time. Also, she tied her hair in a bun instead of keeping it open. She accessorised her hair bun with white flowers.

For the glam, she opted for subtle make-up that comprised defined brows, kohl-rimmed eyes, nude lips and a small red bindi. Her gold and pearl choker necklace gave her look a royal touch.

Ranbir complemented her in a black bandhgala blazer.

Kriti Sanon also bagged the award for Best Actress for her performance in 'Mimi'.

Tollywood star Allu Arjun bagged the honour for Best Actor for 'Pushpa: The Rise'.

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Success story

Director Aaron Karthik Venkatesh is elated with the positive response to his movie Parishudham after it successfully completed screening of 25 days and still continues drawing movie buffs. Now he is thinking of remaking it in Hindi. "I spoke with Vidya Balan's manager seeking an appointment with the versatile actress. I am yet to get a green signal. I am also in talks with Amisha Patel to play the role played by Sparsha Rekha in the Kannada version. I am also in talks with Bollywood star Aftab Shivdasani to play the role played by Rohan Kidiyur. If he is busy, I will approach Sonu Sood," said Aaron.

He said he was also thinking of beginning shooting for the sequel to Parishudham shortly. "I am very happy with the response to Parishudham. The movie has been screened at six theaters and three multiplexes and will begin at Govardhan Theater from next week," he said.

The team of Parishudham celebrated the success of the movie by cutting a cake at Prasanna Theater on Monday. Sparsha Rekha has got rave reviews for her sterling performance in the movie.

On a song

Abishek Ambareesh, an upcoming hero in Sandalwood, has released a song of Kannada movie Rajayoga. Character actor Dharmanna Kadur debuts as a hero with Rajayoga. The movie's trailer that was released on October 3 at SRV Theater in Malleswaram received good support. The song – Nagabyaade Nannakandu, Naanu BA Maadidha Gandu – was released by Abishek Ambareesh.

"I have listened to the first song. It is good and it will become a favourite song for young lovers. I wish the cast and crew of Rajayoga all the best. Dharmanna and Nireeksha have acted well and director Rishab has handled the megaphone with aplomb," said Abishek.

Lingaraju Uchchangidurga debuts as a director in Sandalwood with this film. "The story is about the lives of villagers. I hail from a village. The concept of the movie is that hard work pays dividends. I selected Dharmanna after watching his performance in the film Rama Rama Re. The movie Rajayoga has all elements including love, sentiment, family relations and astrology. This movie conveys a message on the need of avoiding misuse of astrology by some," said director Lingaraju.

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